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**To the Child and Family Studies Diploma Students of Armidale Campus.**

We are teachers from Child and Family Studies in the Illawarra region. We are based in Wollongong. For a few years now, many of our students have been using a flexible delivery, on-line learning system called MOODLE. MOODLE is a fun and interactive way to learn a unit of competency in the comfort of your own home or in the library or on a break at work.

We would like to introduce all of you to this learning system. It is fun and easy to use. It contains lots of resources to help you with your assessments and to help you to understand the content of your unit. A teacher is available to answer any queries you have on-line. The teacher usually answers any queries you have within 48 hours. There are chat sessions using a connect program where you can talk to the teacher and to your class mates, forums where you can get help from other students in your class, videos to view and a variety of fun and interactive resources designed to help you learn.

And of course you will keep your current teacher to assist you as well.

**Why are we offering you this?** Armidale TAFE and Illawarra TAFE are partnering together to test the NBN enabled internet connections between Illawarra and Armidale. We are checking to see if NBN improves connection speed and traffic and if it has good outcomes for students. It’s also a good chance for us to to connect with Armidale TAFE.

Moodle is easy to use once you have logged in. One students said to me

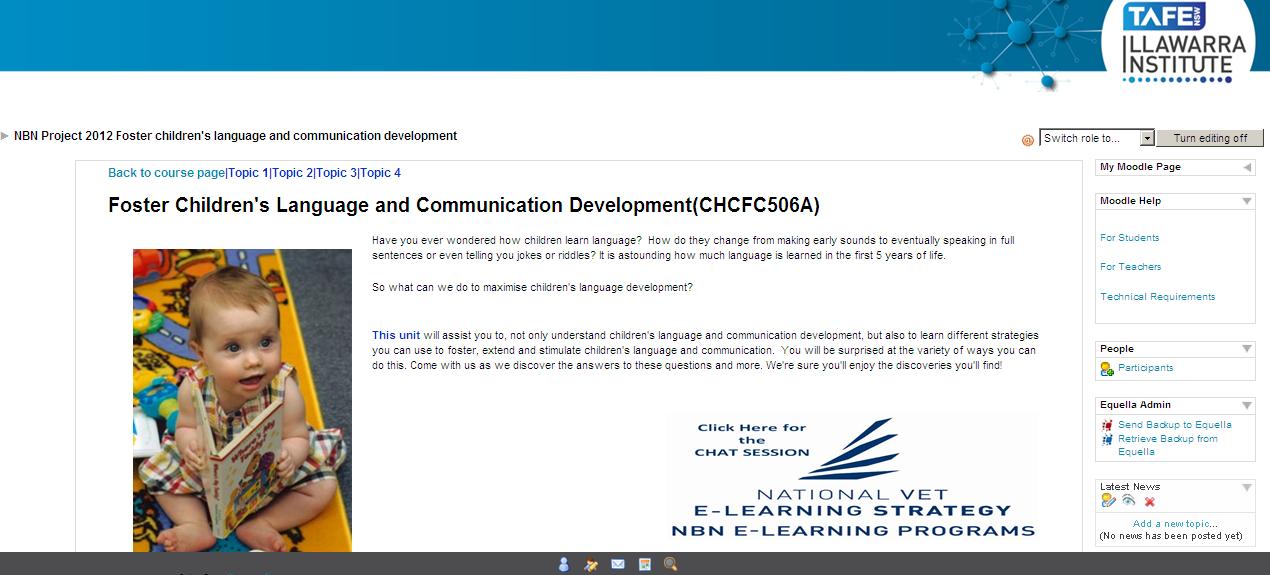
*“If you can use Facebook or send an email, you can use Moodle”*

(And even if you can’t use Facebook or send an email, we are here to help you with the technology).

The unit we will be studying together is ***Foster Children’s Language and Communication Development CHCFC506A*** Topics 3 and 4

We will be studying together during May of this year, one hour a week for 4 weeks. Before we start, we will meet through a ‘Getting Started’ Workshop where you will be shown how to use the Moodle. Students find this session a lot of fun.

In order to get started, we will need your email address (so we can send you an initial survey and the Moodle link). The survey tells us how confident you are with computer technology, some information about yourself and why you are doing the course. It is important as it gives us your views. It also tells us what you expect the technology to be like and rates your skills in using computers and technology and in e-Learning.



We are looking forward to working with you all and learning together

Kind regards

Jenny and Justine

TAFE ILLAWARRA Moodle platform